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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TZOUNIS CALLED IN THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR THE EVENING OF APRIL 2 TO BRIEF US ON DEVELOPMENTS IN VIENNA SINCE THE FIRST NEGOTIATING SESSION (REPORTED REFTEL). TZOUNIS EXPRESSED THE GOG'S SERIOUS CONCERN OVER THE TURKISH CYPRIOT REACTION TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL AND OVER THE TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL. HE SAID THE TALKS WERE NOT GOING AT ALL WELL BECAUSE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ATTITUDE AND THE GOG EXPECTED A MORE VIGOROUS ROLE BY UNSYG WALDHEIM IN DEALING WITH THE SITUATION, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE HAD US AND EC SUPPORT. TZOUNIS CONCLUDED SAYING THE GOG HOPED THE US WOULD BE EXERTING PRESSURE ON THE
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TURKISH SIDE TO AVOID A BREAKDOWN IN THE TALKS. END SUMMARY.

2. TZOUNIS OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY DDDDESCRIBING THE GOG AS "SHAKEN" BY THE WAY THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WERE DEVELOPING FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS AND MAP. GREEK FEARS THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN REAL NEGOTIATING WERE REINFORCED, HE SAID,

BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS.

3. IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOVE TZOUNIS READ FROM TELEGRAMS FROM VIENNA REPORTING ONAN'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE MAP TABLED BY PAPADOPOULOS (THE MAP WAS UNACCEPTABLE, IT PROVIDED FOR A MULTIREGIONAL RATHER THAN A BIZONAL STATE, ETC). HE SAID ONAN INDICATED HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPOND TO THE TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL AND TZOUNIS CITED REPORTS FROM NICOSIA QUOTING DENKTASH ON THE SUBJECT AS FURTHER PROOF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS DID NOT INTEND TO DISCUSS THE GREEK CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL SERIOUSLY. TZOUNIS ALSO READ A TELEGRAM FROM ANKARA IN WHICH AMBASSADOR DIMITROPOULOS REPORTED THAT TURKISH MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CYPRUS AND GREECE TULUMEN HAD TOLD HIM AGAIN THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROGRESS ON CYPRUS UNTIL AFTER THE TURKISH ELECTIONS. TZOUNIS ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE GOC WOULD BE PUBLISHING ITS MAP THIS WEEKEND.

4. TZOUNIS THEN READ AT LENGTH FROM A TELEGRAM GIVING THE TEXT OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL (VIENNA 2595). HE CHARACTERIZED THE PROPOSAL AS VERY DISCOURAGING AND SAID PAPADOPOULOS WAS CORRECT IN COMMENTING THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS MORE LIKE A TREATY BETWEEN TWO STATES THAN THE FRAMEWORK FOR A FEDERATION.

5. THE ABOVE, TZOUNIS SAID, CONVINCED THE GOG THAT THINGS WERE NOT GOING AT ALL WELL IN VIENNA AND THAT THE TURKISH SIDE WAS STILL NOT PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS, DESPITE THE ASSURANCES GIVEN TO CLARK CLIFFORD. WALDHEIM, HE CONTINUED, HAD RECONVENED THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS
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BECAUSE HE HAD COMMITMENTS FROM BOTH SIDES THAT THEY WOULD ENGAGE IN SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS THIS TIME. MOREOVER, HE WAS IN A STRONG POSITION TO INSIST ON THIS BECAUSE HE HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE US AND OF THE EC COUNTRIES. TZOUNIS THEN EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT BECAUSE IT DID NOT APPEAR THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS PLAYING A VIGOROUS ENOUGH ROLE TO ENSURE THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS DELIVERED ON THEIR PROMISES.

6. IN CONCLUSION TZOUNIS EXPRESSED THE GOG'S STRONG HOPE THAT THE US WOULD BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE TURKISH SIDE TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS. THE IMPRESSION LEFT BY THE CLIFFORD MISSION, HE SAID, WAS THAT THE US WOULD BE ACTIVE IN MAKING THE PARTIES CONCERNED LIVE UP TO THE COMMITMENTS THEY MADE TO CLIFFORD. NOW WAS THE TIME FOR THE US TO DO SO, OTHERWISE THERE WAS A SERIOUS DANGER, IN THE GOG VIEW, THAT THE VIENNA TALKS WOULD BREAK UP. KUBISCH

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